

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending. In this Office Action, Claims 12-24 are rejected under 35 USC 101 and Claims 1-11 and 25-34 are allowed.

In this response, Claim 12 has been amended. No new matters have been introduced. As a result of the amendment, Claims 1-34 are now pending. Further consideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the amendment and the following remark.

The Examiner is appreciated for indication of allowing all claims should the rejection under 101 be resolved. The Applicant believes that the amendment to Claim 12 has overcome the rejection of Claims 12-24 under 35 USC 101 because it is now clearly a series of operational process/steps (not necessarily in that order) to be performed on or with the aid of a computer.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, the Applicants believe that Claims 1-34 shall be in condition for allowance over the cited references. Early and favorable action is being respectfully solicited.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplementary Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (408)777-8873.

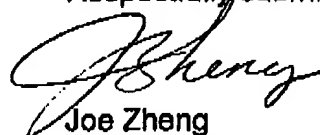
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